

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.J. Res. 124, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2833–2850, S.J. Res. 44, S. Res. 551–560, and S. Con. Res. 43. **Pages S5697–98**

Measures Reported:

S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5697**

Measures Passed:

DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act: Senate passed S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5715**

Sunscreen Innovation Act: Senate passed S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5715–20**

Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial: Senate passed H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. **Page S5720**

The Defense Production Act: Senate passed H.R. 4809, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee. **Page S5720**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 545, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5720**

National Bison Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 543, designating November 1, 2014, as National Bison Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5720**

Lights on Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 552, supporting Lights on Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 23, 2014. **Page S5720**

250th Anniversary of the Hartford Courant Newspaper: Senate agreed to S. Res. 553, recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Hartford Courant newspaper. **Page S5720**

National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 554, recognizing the month of October 2014 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S5720**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 555, designating the week of September 15 through September 19, 2014, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the health care system for all individuals in the United States. **Page S5720**

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 556, designating the week beginning on October 12, 2014, as National Wildlife Refuge Week.

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National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 557, designating the week beginning October 19, 2014, as "National Character Counts Week".

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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 558, designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2014, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week".

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National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 559, designating the week beginning on October 19, 2014, as "National Chemistry Week".

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School Bus Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 560, designating September 2014 as "School Bus Safety Month".

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-53)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Chile (Treaty Doc. No. 113-6).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION—AGREEMENT:

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2014, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015; that following the reporting of the joint resolution, the Majority Leader be recognized; that there be up to four and a half hours equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, there be no other motions or points of order in order to the joint resolution, other than a Sessions, or designee, motion to table or a budget point of order, and the applicable motion to waive; that Senator Sessions, or designee, be recognized for a motion to table an amendment to the joint resolution; that if the motion to table is agreed to, the Majority Leader be recognized; that if the motion to table is not agreed to, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the joint resolution; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired, the pending amendments be withdrawn, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the vote on H.J. Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, Charles H. Fulghum, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 267), John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

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Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

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Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

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David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

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David Pressman, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

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Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

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Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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Bradford Raymond Huther, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—267)	Pages S5661–62
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5721.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

AMERICAN ECONOMY INEQUALITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, after receiving testimony from Heather C. McGhee, Demos, New York, New York; Amir Sufi, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois; Claudia Viek, California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO), San Francisco; and Adam S. Hersh, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency;

S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007;

S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers;

S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission;

S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport;

S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

AMERICA'S ENERGY TAX CODE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code, after receiving testimony from former Senator Don Nickles, The Nickles Group, LLC, Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and David W. Kreutzer, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC; Gilbert E. Metcalf, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; and Norman R. Augustine, Bethesda, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.